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Let us learn how to pray—naturally, joyously, as a part of the day's happiest experience. Let us go away from our lesson in prayer refreshed and unself-conscious, as we would go from any happy or interesting experience. I would that we might feel such complete freedom from all restraint that we should find ourselves talking about it easily, spontaneously—yes, enthusiastically, just as we would talk of any other interesting and natural experience of life. For it is the same, or should be the same, as all our other vital experiences, with this one difference, that there will be a quality of reverence surrounding it, greater perhaps than in the average experience, but a reverence that is such a part and parcel of our genuine selves that it can find its most appropriate and natural expression in simple, glowing enthusiasm and eagerness to serve rather than in timid reticence, silent withdrawal, and stern asceticism.

For prayer, as Jesus saw it, was not a withdrawal from life and a fasting from the good things that life affords. It was a glorious taking-in of the completeness, the fullness of life; an actual hunger, if you will, for those infinite riches of the Spirit.

GLENN CLARK.

Program
for
The World Day of Prayer

March 8, 1935

By the BARONESS VAN BOETZELAER VAN DUBBELDAM
of Holland

"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens"

Quiet Music (*Silence*)

LEADER: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (Ps. 107:1, 2, 3, 8)

Hymn (*Tune* Lyons, 10,10,11,11)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! AMEN.

ROBERT GRANT

Prayer (*By the Leader*)

THE LAW OF GOD

Responsive Reading

LEADER: Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. (Lev. 19:2)

RESPONSE: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (Lev. 19:18)

LEADER: Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. (Is. 1:17)

RESPONSE: Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land. (Deut. 15:11)

LEADER: He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. (Prov. 14:31)

RESPONSE: The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. (Prov. 22:2)

LEADER: Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God. (Lev. 25:17)

RESPONSE: Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. (Deut. 27:19)

LEADER: That which is altogether just shalt thou follow. (Deut. 16:20)

RESPONSE: The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself. I am the Lord your God. (Lev. 19:34)

Prayer (*In Unison*)

O Lord, our God, we confess before Thee, that we have again and again broken Thy holy law. We fail in our manifestations of love; in mercy, when it is asked from us; in sympathy with those who are needing it; in compassion with those who are in trial; in willingness to serve our fellow-men; in hospitality to strangers; in love to our neighbor.

Give us a true repentance, and forgive us for the sake of Him who has borne our sins on the cross.

Give us a sincere intention henceforward more earnestly to strive after the accomplishing of Thy will, to the glory of Thy holy name and to the welfare of our neighbor. Amen.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

Leader: Jesus said: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:34, 35)

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy: But I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. (Matt. 5:43, 44, 45)

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. (Matt. 7:12)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 7:21)

Period of Thanksgiving

For the Day of Prayer when we meet in world unity in Christ.

(*Silence*)

For the growing consciousness among Christians in the whole world of the shortcomings of the Christian church as a whole and of individual Christians in the practice of love towards their neighbors, and in the bearing of one another's burdens.

(*Silence*)

For the opportunities which the present time offers to us Christians to dedicate our lives to the service of others.

(*Silence*)

Hymn

Tune, St. Thomas, S.M.

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength,
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God! AMEN.

WILLIAM PIERSON MERRILL.

Responsive Reading

OUR PATTERN

LEADER: And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

RESPONSE: He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

LEADER: And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

RESPONSE: And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

LEADER: But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

RESPONSE: And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

RESPONSE: And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

LEADER: And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

RESPONSE: But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

LEADER: And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

RESPONSE: And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

LEADER: Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

RESPONSE: And he said, He that shewed mercy on him.

LEADER: Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

(Luke 10:25-37)

Prayer

O Lord, Thou showest us the way to serve and help our neighbor. We pray Thee, give us open eyes for the needs that surround us, and for the task which is ours.

Keep us from holding ourselves back from that part of the work in Thy Kingdom for which Thou hast destined us by the talents Thou hast entrusted to us, by the gifts of the heart and the mind Thou hast in some way, and in some measure, given to all of us.

Make us faithful in Thy service, and may we understand that what we do unto the least of Thy brethren, is done to Thee.

Give us a vision of what the present demands of us, Christians in all lands.

Make us see that we cannot rest content with the achievements of former generations.

Give us that burning desire to know and to do Thy will which our fathers have known, that we, in our own generation, in new untrodden paths, may follow the light which Thou art continually showing Thy children.

O Christ, give us Thy Spirit, that we may be enabled to do Thy will.

AMEN.

BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Leader: Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(Gal. 6:2)

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

(I John 3:18)

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

(Rom. 12:16)

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. (Rom. 12:18)

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom. 12:20, 21)

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself. (Rom. 15:1, 2, 3)

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. (Eph. 5:1)

Hymn *Tune,* Canonbury, L. M.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek,
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. AMEN.

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL.

Period of Silent Prayer

LEADER: Let us pray

That in our present changing world, we may be aware of the working of God's plan.

(*Silence*)

That in the strain and confusion of modern life we may find our vocations as Christians.

(*Silence*)

That we may ever better understand the demands of Jesus as we continue to follow Him.

(*Silence*)

That we may know the burning desire, henceforward to be better witnesses of Christ, by word and by action.

(*Silence*)

A VOICE FROM THE GROUP:

O Lord, keep us from getting so accustomed to the sound of Thy Word, that its deep meaning can no more reach us. Make Thy Word ever afresh, alive in our hearts. Help us earnestly to strive to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. AMEN.

LEADER: Then shall the King say unto them, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

RESPONSE: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

LEADER: Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

RESPONSE: And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matt. 25:34-40)

LEADER: Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments! (Rev. 22:12-14)

Presentation of Projects

Offering

Lord's Prayer (*In unison*)

Leader: And Jesus said: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. AMEN. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Prayer (*Many taking part*)

For the work carried on by the Christian church at home and abroad, and for all missionaries.

Closing Hymn *Tune,* St. Clement, 9,8,9,8

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord, Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway. Amen.

JOHN ELLERTON.

The roads that lead out from the house of prayer are the roads of service, the roads of love that carry one away from self and bring God's power to meet men's needs.

E. B. S.

PROGRAM

Under the auspices of the three national and interdenominational bodies, namely, the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Committee on Woman's Work of the Foreign Missions Conference and the National Council of Federated Church Women, there is observed on the first Friday in Lent of each year a World Day of Prayer for the world-wide missionary enterprise. This will be a continuing in prayer from the rising of the sun in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand to the setting of the sun in Honolulu many hours later. In more than fifty countries Christians will have prayed for each other and will have pledged themselves to the bearing of one another's burdens.

The next annual observance of the World Day of Prayer will be April 10, 1936.

OFFERINGS

The interdenominational enterprises chosen for the offerings given on the World Day of Prayer are: Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Lands, Christian Service among Migrants, Women's Union Christian Colleges in Foreign Fields, and Religious Education in United States Indian Schools. Offerings designated for these projects should be sent either to the Council of Women for Home Missions, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, or to the Committee on Women's Work of the Foreign Missions Conference, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City. If sent undesignated to either headquarters, the contribution will be divided equally between the home and foreign mission projects.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERS

This program is to be adapted to the community using it. The service is essentially one of prayer. It is suggested that quiet music be played during the opening periods of meditation, continuing through the Bible verses. Care should be taken to arrange beforehand for the "Prayers to be offered." The projects for which the offerings are to be given should be vividly presented through brief talks by women of the group, through impersonation, or simple dramatization. Some communities may want to have the churches open on March 8th for individual meditation and prayer throughout the day. Interdenominational committees to plan for the services and for publicity through newspapers, posters, church bulletins, and radio should be at work for weeks before March 8. In some places the committees for the observance on April 10th, 1936, will be appointed on March 8, 1935. Union services may be planned for young people and children as well as adults.

SUPPLIES

A Call to Prayer, free; for distribution weeks before the Day, also at the meeting.

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Young People's Program, 2c each; $2.00 per 100.

Children's Program, 1c each; 75c per 100.

Poster, 5c, 11 x 16½ inches; for church vestibules, offices and store windows.

Order supplies from headquarters of the denominational mission boards or societies.

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UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGES FOR WOMEN

The seven Union Christian Colleges for women stand as the greatest bond of fellowship between the Christian women of the Orient and of the Occident. They continue to grow in influence and in outstanding Christian service as the graduates are found in leading positions all over these lands. One of the greatest needs is for a chapel for the Woman's Christian College of Japan. At present there is no chapel, nor even a room large enough to hold the entire student body. Part of the Union College share of this 1935 offering will be used to help build a *house of prayer* for the Tokyo students.

HOME, SCHOOL, CHURCH for THE INDIAN YOUTH OF TODAY

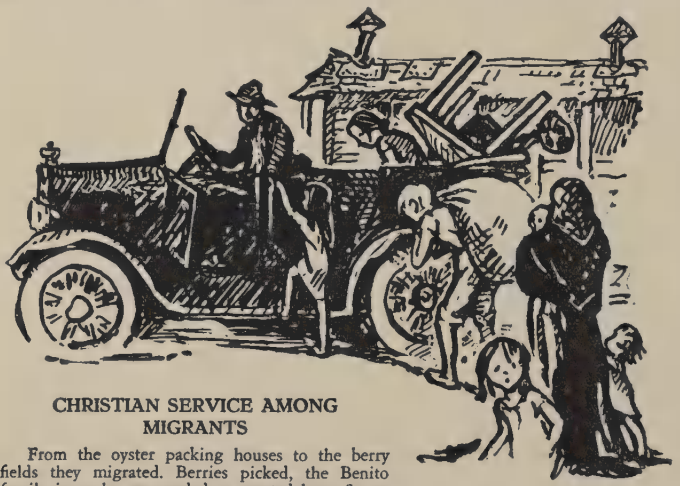
We of the Church who work with the Indian American are learning that ours must be a ministry to the whole personality of the individual. Our pattern for this is "the beauty and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The ministry to Indian youth must include careful action to secure for them happy family life under wholesome health conditions and with just opportunities for education and economic well-being.

Together, thirteen national home missionary societies are making a united approach to Indian youth in the government day and boarding schools through a religious education program suited to their needs, desires, and dreams. Your contribution in prayer and offering maintains the work.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Children in Africa, China, India, Japan and Korea watch for the postman bringing magazines which your offering helps to provide. Many of them would have no magazine if LISTEN or HAPPY CHILDHOOD or the TREASURE CHEST failed to appear. Some who were trained in our schools have lapsed into illiteracy because they had nothing interesting to read. Women in Latin America, China and Japan are also provided with worth-while reading through the regular work of your committee on Christian Literature. Special needs for more books and pictures for women and children will be met when extra funds are available.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE AMONG MIGRANTS

From the oyster packing houses to the berry fields they migrated. Berries picked, the Benito family is no longer needed or wanted here. So on "to peas" they move—the old car and rude shack their only home—always outsiders wherever they go. Thousands of families in the United States—200,000 children—are migrants.

Only through the united Christian service of the churches of many denominations, through the Council of Women for Home Missions, do these fathers, mothers, and children, hear the message of Jesus—interpreted through prayer, song, and story, through the healing of the sick, through the comradeship of play. Will there be a Christian center and Christian friends to help the Benito family while "in beans"?

A PSALM OF FAITH

Our Father, Thou art infinite, eternal, omnipotent, and omniscient.

Whether I take the wings of the morning, behold, Thou art there.

Though I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.

Though I go to the furthermost parts of the sea, Thou art before me.

Thy Love is as infinite as the sky is infinite, and Thy Spirit as pure as the morning dew.

Thy Power reaches as far as the east is from the west, and Thy Wisdom is greater than all hidden treasures.

Thy Peace is closer than the atmosphere that wraps us round, and Thy Joy is brighter than the sun at noonday.

Thou art continuously shedding down upon us Thy Wisdom, Thy Joy, and Thy infinite Love.

Make us as pure as the morning, and as powerful to serve Thee as the winds that blow.

A Call to Prayer

Goes To All People

"Ye shall seek me, and find me,
when ye shall search for me
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A Lesson in Prayer

Prayer is governed by the same laws that govern the growth of the flower in the crannied wall; it is controlled by the same laws that control the flow of a stream, the life of a bee. For as God is in all things, so are His laws prevailing in all things; and as God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so are His mighty laws the same yesterday, today and forever. As prayer is life raised to its highest degree, so the laws of prayer are the laws of life raised to their highest expression. A man who learns and practices the laws of prayer correctly should be able to play better, do business better, work better, love better, serve better. For to learn how to pray is to learn how to live.

Let us learn how to pray—naturally, joyously, as a part of the day's happiest experience. Let us go away from our lesson in prayer refreshed and unself-conscious, as we would go from any happy or interesting experience. I would that we might feel such complete freedom from all restraint that we should find ourselves talking about it easily, spontaneously—yes, enthusiastically, just as we would talk of any other interesting and natural experience of life. For it is the same, or should be the same, as all our other vital experiences, with this one difference, that there will be a quality of reverence surrounding it, greater perhaps than in the average experience, but a reverence that is such a part and parcel of our genuine selves that it can find its most appropriate and natural expression in simple, glowing enthusiasm and eagerness to serve rather than in timid reticence, silent withdrawal, and stern asceticism.

For prayer, as Jesus saw it, was not a withdrawal from life and a fasting from the good things that life affords. It was a glorious taking-in of the completeness, the fullness of life; an actual hunger, if you will, for those infinite riches of the Spirit.

GLENN CLARK.

Program
for
The World Day of Prayer

March 8, 1935

By the BARONESS VAN BOETZELAER VAN DUBBELDAM
of Holland

"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens"

Quiet Music (*Silence*)

LEADER: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (Ps. 107:1, 2, 3, 8)

Hymn (*Tune* Lyons, 10,10,11,11)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! AMEN.

ROBERT GRANT

Prayer (*By the Leader*)

THE LAW OF GOD

Responsive Reading

LEADER: Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. (Lev. 19:2)

RESPONSE: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (Lev. 19:18)

LEADER: Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. (Is. 1:17)

RESPONSE: Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land. (Deut. 15:11)

LEADER: He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. (Prov. 14:31)

RESPONSE: The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. (Prov. 22:2)

LEADER: Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God. (Lev. 25:17)

RESPONSE: Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. (Deut. 27:19)

LEADER: That which is altogether just shalt thou follow. (Deut. 16:20)

RESPONSE: The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself. I am the Lord your God. (Lev. 19:34)

Prayer (*In Unison*)

O Lord, our God, we confess before Thee, that we have again and again broken Thy holy law. We fail in our manifestations of love; in mercy, when it is asked from us; in sympathy with those who are needing it; in compassion with those who are in trial; in willingness to serve our fellow-men; in hospitality to strangers; in love to our neighbor.

Give us a true repentance, and forgive us for the sake of Him who has borne our sins on the cross.

Give us a sincere intention henceforward more earnestly to strive after the accomplishing of Thy will, to the glory of Thy holy name and to the welfare of our neighbor. Amen.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

Leader: Jesus said: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:34, 35)

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy: But I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. (Matt. 5:43, 44, 45)

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. (Matt. 7:12)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 7:21)

Period of Thanksgiving

For the Day of Prayer when we meet in world unity in Christ.

(*Silence*)

For the growing consciousness among Christians in the whole world of the shortcomings of the Christian church as a whole and of individual Christians in the practice of love towards their neighbors, and in the bearing of one another's burdens.

(*Silence*)

For the opportunities which the present time offers to us Christians to dedicate our lives to the service of others.

(*Silence*)

Hymn

Tune, St. Thomas, S.M.

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength,
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God! AMEN.

WILLIAM PIERSON MERRILL.

Responsive Reading

OUR PATTERN

LEADER: And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

RESPONSE: He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

LEADER: And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

RESPONSE: And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

LEADER: But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

RESPONSE: And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

RESPONSE: And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

LEADER: And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

RESPONSE: But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

LEADER: And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

RESPONSE: And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

LEADER: Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

RESPONSE: And he said, He that shewed mercy on him.

LEADER: Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

(Luke 10:25-37)

Prayer

O Lord, Thou showest us the way to serve and help our neighbor. We pray Thee, give us open eyes for the needs that surround us, and for the task which is ours.

Keep us from holding ourselves back from that part of the work in Thy Kingdom for which Thou hast destined us by the talents Thou hast entrusted to us, by the gifts of the heart and the mind Thou hast in some way, and in some measure, given to all of us.

Make us faithful in Thy service, and may we understand that what we do unto the least of Thy brethren, is done to Thee.

Give us a vision of what the present demands of us, Christians in all lands.

Make us see that we cannot rest content with the achievements of former generations.

Give us that burning desire to know and to do Thy will which our fathers have known, that we, in our own generation, in new untrodden paths, may follow the light which Thou art continually showing Thy children.

O Christ, give us Thy Spirit, that we may be enabled to do Thy will.

AMEN.

BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Leader: Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(Gal. 6:2)

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

(I John 3:18)

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

(Rom. 12:16)

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. (Rom. 12:18)

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom. 12:20, 21)

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself. (Rom. 15:1, 2, 3)

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. (Eph. 5:1)

Hymn

Tune, Canonbury, L. M.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek,
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. AMEN.

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL.

Period of Silent Prayer

LEADER: Let us pray

That in our present changing world, we may be aware of the working of God's plan.

(*Silence*)

That in the strain and confusion of modern life we may find our vocations as Christians.

(*Silence*)

That we may ever better understand the demands of Jesus as we continue to follow Him.

(*Silence*)

That we may know the burning desire, henceforward to be better witnesses of Christ, by word and by action.

(*Silence*)

A VOICE FROM THE GROUP:

O Lord, keep us from getting so accustomed to the sound of Thy Word, that its deep meaning can no more reach us. Make Thy Word ever afresh, alive in our hearts. Help us earnestly to strive to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. AMEN.

LEADER: Then shall the King say unto them, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

RESPONSE: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

LEADER: Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

RESPONSE: And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matt. 25:34-40)

LEADER: Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments! (Rev. 22:12-14)

Presentation of Projects

Offering

Lord's Prayer (*In unison*)

Leader: And Jesus said: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. AMEN. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Prayer (*Many taking part*)

For the work carried on by the Christian church at home and abroad, and for all missionaries.

Closing Hymn *Tune,* St. Clement, 9,8,9,8

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord, Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway. Amen.

JOHN ELLERTON.

The roads that lead out from the house of prayer are the roads of service, the roads of love that carry one away from self and bring God's power to meet men's needs.

E. B. S.

PROGRAM

Under the auspices of the three national and interdenominational bodies, namely, the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Committee on Woman's Work of the Foreign Missions Conference and the National Council of Federated Church Women, there is observed on the first Friday in Lent of each year a World Day of Prayer for the world-wide missionary enterprise. This will be a continuing in prayer from the rising of the sun in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand to the setting of the sun in Honolulu many hours later. In more than fifty countries Christians will have prayed for each other and will have pledged themselves to the bearing of one another's burdens.

The next annual observance of the World Day of Prayer will be April 10, 1936.

OFFERINGS

The interdenominational enterprises chosen for the offerings given on the World Day of Prayer are: Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Lands, Christian Service among Migrants, Women's Union Christian Colleges in Foreign Fields, and Religious Education in United States Indian Schools. Offerings designated for these projects should be sent either to the Council of Women for Home Missions, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, or to the Committee on Women's Work of the Foreign Missions Conference, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City. If sent undesignated to either headquarters, the contribution will be divided equally between the home and foreign mission projects.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERS

This program is to be adapted to the community using it. The service is essentially one of prayer. It is suggested that quiet music be played during the opening periods of meditation, continuing through the Bible verses. Care should be taken to arrange beforehand for the "Prayers to be offered." The projects for which the offerings are to be given should be vividly presented through brief talks by women of the group, through impersonation, or simple dramatization. Some communities may want to have the churches open on March 8th for individual meditation and prayer throughout the day. Interdenominational committees to plan for the services and for publicity through newspapers, posters, church bulletins, and radio should be at work for weeks before March 8. In some places the committees for the observance on April 10th, 1936, will be appointed on March 8, 1935. Union services may be planned for young people and children as well as adults.

SUPPLIES

A Call to Prayer, free; for distribution weeks before the Day, also at the meeting.

Program, "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens," by the Baroness van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam of Holland, 2c each; $2.00 per 100.

Young People's Program, 2c each; $2.00 per 100.

Children's Program, 1c each; 75c per 100.

Poster, 5c, 11 x 16½ inches; for church vestibules, offices and store windows.

Order supplies from headquarters of the denominational mission boards or societies.

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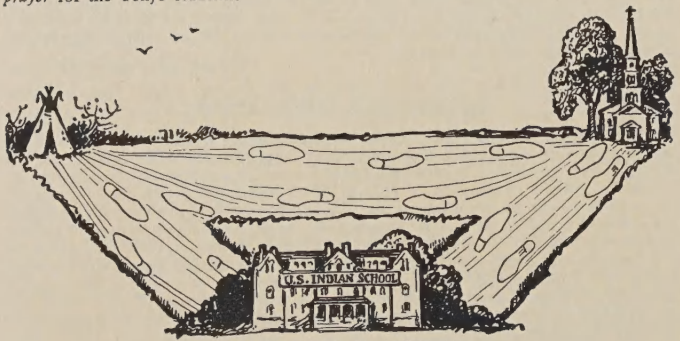
UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGES FOR WOMEN

The seven Union Christian Colleges for women stand as the greatest bond of fellowship between the Christian women of the Orient and of the Occident. They continue to grow in influence and in outstanding Christian service as the graduates are found in leading positions all over these lands. One of the greatest needs is for a chapel for the Woman's Christian College of Japan. At present there is no chapel, nor even a room large enough to hold the entire student body. Part of the Union College share of this 1935 offering will be used to help build a *house of prayer* for the Tokyo students.



HOME, SCHOOL, CHURCH for THE INDIAN YOUTH OF TODAY

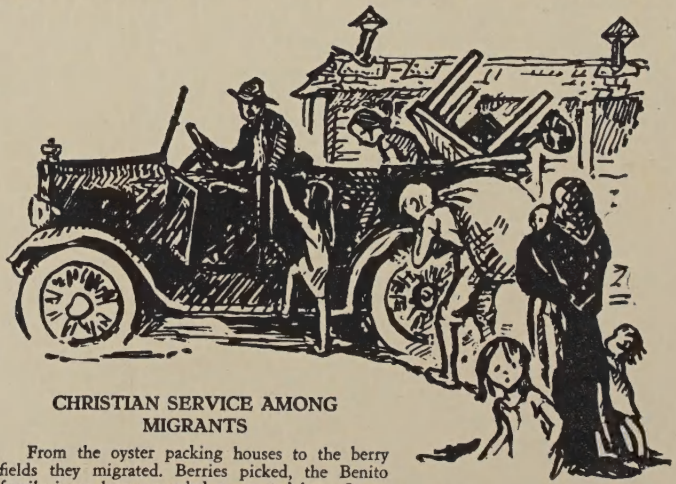
We of the Church who work with the Indian American are learning that ours must be a ministry to the whole personality of the individual. Our pattern for this is "the beauty and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The ministry to Indian youth must include careful action to secure for them happy family life under wholesome health conditions and with just opportunities for education and economic well-being.

Together, thirteen national home missionary societies are making a united approach to Indian youth in the government day and boarding schools through a religious education program suited to their needs, desires, and dreams. Your contribution in prayer and offering maintains the work.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Children in Africa, China, India, Japan and Korea watch for the postman bringing magazines which your offering helps to provide. Many of them would have no magazine if LISTEN or HAPPY CHILDHOOD or the TREASURE CHEST failed to appear. Some who were trained in our schools have lapsed into illiteracy because they had nothing interesting to read. Women in Latin America, China and Japan are also provided with worth-while reading through the regular work of your committee on Christian Literature. Special needs for more books and pictures for women and children will be met when extra funds are available.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE AMONG MIGRANTS

From the oyster packing houses to the berry fields they migrated. Berries picked, the Benito family is no longer needed or wanted here. So on "to peas" they move—the old car and rude shack their only home—always outsiders wherever they go. Thousands of families in the United States—200,000 children—are migrants.

Only through the united Christian service of the churches of many denominations, through the Council of Women for Home Missions, do these fathers, mothers, and children, hear the message of Jesus—interpreted through prayer, song, and story, through the healing of the sick, through the comradeship of play. Will there be a Christian center and Christian friends to help the Benito family while "in beans"?

A PSALM OF FAITH

Our Father, Thou art infinite, eternal, omnipotent, and omniscient.

Whether I take the wings of the morning, behold, Thou art there.

Though I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.

Though I go to the furthermost parts of the sea, Thou art before me.

Thy Love is as infinite as the sky is infinite, and Thy Spirit as pure as the morning dew.

Thy Power reaches as far as the east is from the west, and Thy Wisdom is greater than all hidden treasures.

Thy Peace is closer than the atmosphere that wraps us round, and Thy Joy is brighter than the sun at noonday.

Thou art continuously shedding down upon us Thy Wisdom, Thy Joy, and Thy infinite Love.

Make us as pure as the morning, and as powerful to serve Thee as the winds that blow.

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The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light

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